

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 2006-37-C - ORDER NO. 2007-239

APRIL 13, 2007


IN RE: Petition of the Office of Regulatory Staff for a)	ORDER OF
Rule-Making Proceeding to Examine the)	CLARIFICATION
Requirements and Standards to be Used by)	
the Commission When Evaluating)	
Application for Eligible Telecommunications)	
Carrier (ETC) Status and When Making)	
Annual Certification of ETC Compliance to)	
the Federal Communications Commission.)	

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on a request for clarification of certain wording in Order No. 2007-193, dated March 27, 2007. In that Order, we stated that it would helpful to hear from “interested parties” regarding whether this Commission should consider the Federal Communications Commission’s (FCC’s) May 25, 2005 recommended guidelines regarding designation of new ETCs as part of its analysis of ETC applications during the interim period prior to issuance of this Commission’s own ETC regulations. We went on to state in the next paragraph of Order No. 2007-193 that we requested that “the various parties to the ETC cases before us” file briefs with this Commission by April 19, 2007, regarding whether this Commission should consider the FCC’s recommended guidelines for designation of new ETCs as part of the Commission’s analysis of ETC applications during this interim period prior to issuance of our own ETC regulations.

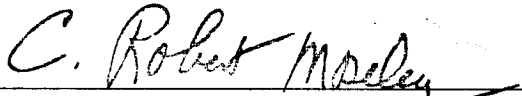
The question was then raised as to whether we wanted briefs from all “interested parties,” or only from “the various parties to the ETC cases before us.” This is a reasonable question. In considering this matter, this Commission would encourage input from all persons interested in this matter, not just from parties to the ETC cases before us. This Commission believes that we should seek information on this issue from as wide a range of persons as possible, in order to properly make a decision. The deadline for briefs shall remain at April 19, 2007.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


G. O'Neal Hamilton, Chairman

ATTEST:


C. Robert Moseley, Vice Chairman

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